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Holiday Ornaments to Return to Downtown Lansing

Sundance Art Piece from ScrapFest Also Coming Downtown

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced that the holiday ornaments will return to downtown Lansing after a generous offer to replace the ornaments was made. Thanks to the contribution of the Gentilozzi family, the holiday ornaments that were destroyed during a hit-and-run crash last winter will be fixed and replaced at the traffic roundabout at Michigan Avenue and Washington Square.

"I am always happy to show off the vibrancy of Lansing through public art, and there is a great excitement around these holiday ornaments during our holiday season," said Mayor Schor. "Last year the ornaments got a new look with a fresh coat of paint and an added snowflake design. Unfortunately, two of them were broken after being hit by a car at the end of the season. I appreciate that the Gentilozzi family stepped up and offered dollars to restore and return the ornaments to the traffic circle downtown."

The holiday ornaments will be placed at the traffic roundabout prior to the 35th Annual Silver Bells in the City on Friday, November 22, 2019.

"As a fifty-year property and business owner in Lansing, the Gentilozzi family is thrilled to work with the City of Lansing to fix the iconic holiday ornaments and return it to the traffic circle in time for Silver Bells in the City 2019," said Paul Gentilozzi. "Moving forward, we hope to continue to work with the City to bring additional memorable art pieces to Lansing that last for generations to come!"

Additionally, the art piece *Sundance* will be placed on the City Hall Plaza. This piece was displayed at Old Town's ScrapFest 2019. Sundance was designed by Lansing Artist Bob Welton and is a stainless-steel figure with a rotating sun at the top. It is approximately 4'W x 4'D x 12'H, and will be placed in an appropriate place on the City Hall Plaza shortly after Silver Bells in the City.

Schor said, "I am thrilled to have a public art piece from Old Town's ScrapFest that was made in Lansing by a Lansing artist. We will proudly display this outside of City Hall. I am excited for this addition to our public art collection, which has increased significantly with the Below the Stacks murals and other art pieces being placed throughout the City. Lansing's time for public art is certainly now!"

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